



APPELLANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

Application No. 10/649,164
Pre-Appeal Brief Dated September 29, 2006
Reply to final Office Action of May 2, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 4316-031612

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : David James Beale et al.
Filed : August 27, 2003
Title : ALUMINUM INGOT CASTING MACHINE
Group Art Unit : 1725
Examiner : Len Tran
Customer No. : 28289

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 2, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3-5, 8-11, 13-17, 19, 20, 27-30, 35, 37, 39-45, and 66-69.

Payment in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the cost of filing the Notice of Appeal. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate extension fee is also submitted concurrently herewith.

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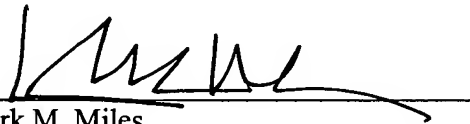
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Applicants also submit a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review concurrently with the filing of this Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Notice of Appeal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 950.00**Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	
Utility	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Design	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Plant	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Reissue	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Provisional	300	150	500	250	600	300	
	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

50

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof.

See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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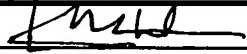
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Petition for Extension of Time – Two Month

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